

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 1-3, 5-15, 19-25 and 28-30 stand rejected; and claims 4, 16-18, 26 and 27 stand objected to. By this Amendment, claims 4, 16 and 26 have been amended, and claims 1-3, 5-15, 19-25 and 28-30 have been canceled. This application now includes claims 4, 16-18, 26 and 27.

Claims 4, 16-18, 26 and 27 are objected to.

Applicants have amended claims 4, 16 and 26 to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and accordingly believe claims 4, 16-18, 26 and 27 to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 4, 16-18, 26 and 27 be withdrawn.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-3, 5-15, 19-25 and 28-30 in order to expedite prosecution and to place the present patent application into condition for allowance. Applicants cancel claims 1-3, 5-15, 19-25 and 28-30 without prejudice or disclaimer, and hereby expressly reserve the right to pursue claims 1-3, 5-15, 19-25 and 28-30 in a continuation application.

The cancellation of claims 1-3, 5-15, 19-25 and 28-30 does not alter the inventorship of the present patent application.

In consideration of the above, Applicants believe that claims 4, 16-18, 26 and 27 are presently in condition for allowance, and thus respectfully request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally

petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095,

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Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 894-0801.

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